Admissions in Sainik Schools

3612. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make admission to Class IX in Sainik Schools to the boys after passing Eighth Class examinations to attract more talent for a career in Armed Forces;

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government propose to give more chances to the candidates appearing in Sainik School admission tests; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). The academic Study Group constituted by the Government of India has recommended inter-alia, that in Sainik Schools, there should be a system of multiple entry points to certain Classes. This recommendation is under the consideration of the Ministry of Defence.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An increase in the number of chances available to the candidates for admission to Sainik Schools will correspondingly reduce the number of chances available to them for the NDA Entrance Examination.

Refinance Assistance by NABARD to Madhya Pradesh

3613. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of refinance assistance provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to various commercial, Cooperative and regional rural banks in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the credit limits provided to the Regional Rural Banks in the State and their percentage of utilisation;

(c) the percentage of the above refinance assistance which was utilised for the benefit of the most backward and poor tribal areas in the State through the banks and other co-operative institutions;

(d) whether any appraisal of the benefits percolating from its assistance to the poor tribal has been made by the NABARD; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The amount of refinance assistance provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in Madhya Pradesh under schematic lending during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1988-89 (July-March)	*1989-90 (April-March)*	*1990-91 (April-March)*
Commercial Banks	4003	4326	7135
Regional Rural Banks	2172	2590	2172

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1988-89 (July-March)	*1989-90 (April-March)*	*1990-91 (April-March)*
Land Development Banks	2280	3911	3358
State Cooperative Banks	688	1082	866
Total	9,123	11,889	13,531

(b) The credit limits provided by NABARD to the Regional Rural Banks in the State of Madhya Pradesh and their percentage of utilisation for the last three cooperative years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Cooperative Year	*Amount of limit sanction*	*Amount of drawals*	*Percentage of utilisation*
1988-89	1560 27	785.29	50.32
1989-90	1567.27	654.78	41.78
1990-91	1439.60	742.93	51.61

(c) The data reporting system of NABARD does not generats information about the break up of their refinance assistance population/area category-wise

(d) and (e). NABARD has reported that they have not conducted any special study in the matter.

Talks with Pakistan on Growing Menace of Narcotics Smuggling

3614. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of growing menace of narcotics across the border has recently been discussed with the Pakistan Government;

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held; and

(c) the measures agreed to by both the Government to check smuggling of narcotics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Detailed discussions were held in Islamabad on 30th and 31st July 1991 between drug enforcement officers of India and Pakistan for exchange of intelligence on illicit drug traffickers operating across the borders, and for bilateal cooperation in the investigation of drug trafficking cases having ramifications in both the countries. Since a very large proportion